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President	Sir Emyr Jones Parry	(United Kingdom)
Members	Algeria	Mr. Katti
	Angola	Mr. Constantino
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	Brazil	Mr. Tarrisse da Fontoura
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	France	Mr. Poirier
	Germany	Mr. Seidenberger
	Pakistan	Mr. Akram
	Philippines	Mr. Chuasoto
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	Russian Federation	Mr. Denisov
	Spain	Mr. de Palacio España
	United States of America	Mr. Fendrick

Agenda

The situation in Afghanistan

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The meeting was called to order at 11.30 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Afghanistan

The President: Pursuant to the decision taken at the 5055th meeting, I invite the representative of Afghanistan to take a seat at the Council table, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

At the invitation of the President, Mr Farhādi (Afghanistan) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council.

"The Security Council welcomes the presidential election that took place on 9 October 2004 in Afghanistan, stresses its historic importance as a milestone in the political process, and congratulates the millions of Afghan voters, many of them women and refugees, who showed their commitment to democracy by participating in the first popular election of their head of State. The Council welcomes further the broad political representation, as manifested by the 18 presidential candidates. The Council commends the Afghan National Police and the Afghan National Army for their role, with the assistance of the international security forces, in bolstering security during the election period.

"The Security Council appreciates the effort of the Joint Electoral Management Body (JEMB) and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) for their excellent achievement in the preparations of the presidential election. The Security Council appreciates the JEMB's efforts to address any candidate's concerns and to further enhance the transparency of the electoral process, and looks forward to a final statement.

"The Security Council urges the Government of Afghanistan, with the help of the international community, to continue to confront the challenges that remain in Afghanistan, including security, timely preparation of the parliamentary elections in April 2005, the reconstruction of institutions, the fight against narcotics, and the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of Afghan militias.

"The Security Council calls upon the Afghan authorities to plan and carry out without delay inclusive parliamentary elections and calls upon the international community to support them in completing the electoral process set out in the Bonn Agreement.

"The Security Council pledges its continued support for the Government and people of a sovereign Afghanistan as they rebuild their country, strengthen the foundations of constitutional democracy and assume their rightful place in the community of nations, and calls upon the international community, with the United Nations in a central role, to support them in these efforts."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.